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Applicant : Romero  
Filed : October, 15, 2001  
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Examiner : BRANT, DMITRY  
Docket No. : 6169-245  
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Sir:


Please find enclosed for filing:

1. Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111;
2. Retroactive Petition for Extension of Time (one month); and
3. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

This Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 27 Dec 2004

  
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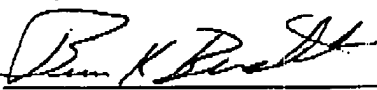
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Sir:

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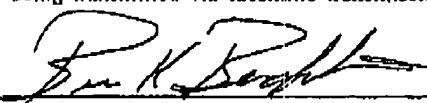
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed August 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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